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Takahiro NAGAI et al. : **Confirmation No. 4051**
Serial No. 09/560,563 : **Docket No. 2000_0557A**
Filed April 28, 2000 : **Group Art Unit 2715**
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND
SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE FORM PTO-1449**

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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance dated February 8, 2005 was received in the above-identified application. However, the references submitted with the January 26, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and listed on the January 26, 2005 Form PTO-1449 were not considered by the Examiner.

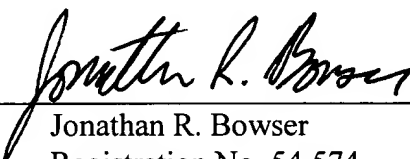
As indicated in item 3 on the January 26, 2005 IDS, reference "AJ" (CN Patent Application Publication No. 1166223 corresponding to CN Application No. 96191182.4) listed on the January 26, 2005 Form PTO-1449 is a counterpart foreign application of reference "AA" (U.S. 6,081,785) listed on the January 26, 2005 Form PTO-1449, and was cited in the English language version of the foreign patent office action submitted with the January 26, 2005 IDS. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that a statement of the relevance of reference "AJ" was provided by the Applicants.

However, the Applicants note that reference "AJ" was inadvertently identified on the January 26, 2005 Form PTO-1449 as the Chinese Application Number (CN 96191182.4) instead of the Chinese Patent Application Publication Number (CN 11662233). Accordingly, a substitute Form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith in which reference "AJ" is correctly identified as "CN 1166223," as identified in the English language version of the foreign patent office action submitted with the January 26, 2005 IDS.

By providing a statement of the relevance of reference "AJ", the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith, and to return an Examiner-initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith to indicate consideration of the references listed thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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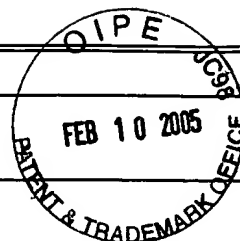
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	6,081,785	06/00	Oshima et al.			
	AB						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AJ	1166223	11/97	CN				
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